

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bethany Vanhooser upon being selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those young people who, through their magnificent exploits, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional young lady is Bethany Vanhooser, who was recently invited to attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2007 by Governor Phil Bredesen, the Tennessee Governor's Academy is administered by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, providing a public, residential academic experience, the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science is comprised of juniors and seniors who have excelled in these two academic fields; and

WHEREAS, Bethany completed the rigorous application process, which evaluated students on their performance on eight essay questions, teacher recommendations, high school transcripts, and test scores; after these written applications were reviewed, Bethany was one of only 100 students who was selected to move on to a phone screening, the next level in the interview process; and

WHEREAS, having impressed interviewers during her phone interview, Bethany became one of fifty students who was invited to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville campus for personal interviews; and

WHEREAS, a young woman of extraordinary academic and communication skills, Bethany performed tremendously on her personal interview and became one of only twenty-four juniors from across the State who was invited to attend the Academy, which will begin in August of 2009 and last through Bethany's senior year; and

WHEREAS, in this prestigious and highly selective program, Bethany will have the opportunity to pursue a tuition-free, two-year advanced course of study, meeting all of the requirements of a standard high school diploma while also gaining dual enrollment college credit for her work; and

WHEREAS, with access to the University of Tennessee's professors and facilities, the students in the Academy will benefit from the University's extensive science labs and its working relationship with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, Bethany's achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Keith and Lana Vanhooser, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Vanhooser is a woman of extraordinary intellect, leadership, and determination, and she should be specially recognized for her noteworthy achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Bethany Vanhooser upon her recent invitation to attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science, recognize her for her outstanding success during the scrupulous interview process, and extend to her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.